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TAGS: ML, US

SUBJ: SENIOR MEMBER MALI GOVT OBJECTS TO AIRPORT FRISKING NEW YORK

REF: BAMAKO 3641

CHARGE D'AFFAIRES PERSONALLY APOLOGIZED TO CAPTAIN
FILIFING SISSOKO, MEMBER OF MALI'S RULING MILITARY
COMMITTEE FOR NATIONAL LIBERATION, ON DEC 3, FOR
THE INCIDENT RELATED REFERENCED TELEGRAM. CAPTAIN
SISSOKO SAID THAT HE WAS TRAVELING ON A FLIGHT WITH
MANY OTHER HIGH LEVEL DELEGATIONS INCLUDING THE RUSSIANS
AND THAT SISSOKO WAS THE ONLY ONE WHOSE BRIEFCASE AND
PERSON WAS SEARCHED WHICH HE DESCRIBED AS QTE DEEPLY
HUMILIATING UNQTE. SISSOKO PARTICULARLY STUNG BY
INCIDENT BECAUSE HE HAD INFORMED THE AIRPORT AUTHORITIES
ABOUT HIS PISTOL IN ORDER TO AVOID JUST THIS SORT OF
INCIDENT. SISSOKO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY SENIOR MALI
DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE AT THE TIME.

ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY URGES THAT PROMPT INVESTIGA-
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TION THIS INCIDENT TAKE PLACE ESPECIALLY TO DETERMINE

IF THERE ISN'T LESS OFFENSIVE MANNER OF DEALING WITH
SIMILAR SITUATIONS. POINT IS THAT SISSOKO OFFERED TO
HAND HIS BRIEFCASE OVER TO THE AIRCREW DURING FLIGHT
TO PARIS AND IT WAS HIS DISPLAY OF COOPERATION AND
HONESTY THAT CAUSED FRISKING AND SEARCH HIS PERSON.
SISSOKO IS INFLUENTIAL MEMBER MALI GOVT WHO HAS
ALWAYS BEEN HELPFUL AND CORDIAL TO EMBASSY. MOREOVER,
AIRPORT FORMALITIES BAMAKO EASIEST IN WEST AFRICA
BECAUSE OF GOM COOPERATION WITH EMBASSY REGARDING
AMERICAN TRAVELERS. ALL THESE REASONS MAKE IT DESIRABLE
THAT SUITABLE APOLOGY BE SENT SOONEST FOR TRANSMITTAL TO
SISSOKO.

FOR KATZEN USUN: I ASKED SISSOKO IF HE HAD MET YOU AND
HE WAS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE TO
ALL MALIAN DELEGATES INCLUDING HIMSELF. WE APPRECIATE
YOUR EFFORTS ESPECIALLY FOLLOWING UNFORTUNATE AIRPORT
INCIDENT.
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